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RUSSIA STANDS BY ALLIES; PEACE PLAN WINS SUPPORT

MOVE TO SECURE 25,000 CHINESE FOR HAWAII MADE

Farm Cornn and W. H. Hindle Leave for Washington to Interview Congressmen—Hope to Get Support of Organized Labor

To endeavor to interest Washington officials and congressmen in a plan to bring into the Territory of Hawaii 25,000 Chinese as laborers, Farm Cornn, well-known local Chinese businessman, and W. H. Hindle, of the Mercantile Refining Agency, left this morning for Washington on the Great Northern. This plan, which has been under consideration for several years, is apparently backed by all the Chinese interests in the islands, including the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. From information received from Washington it is understood that several congressmen and government officials are in favor of the plan and that Farm Cornn's proposition will be given every consideration.

While on the mainland he will also see Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, and try to obtain union labor's support, the idea being that if the Chinese are permitted to come into the territory they will remain here as a constant labor supply, while a number of nationalities brought here soon emigrate to the states and thus disrupt the labor organizations there.

As a local argument it is pointed out that the rice industry here is dying out and if a sufficient number of Chinese are imported that important industry will be revived.

C. K. Ai, manager of the City Mill Company, is actively interested in the movement, believing it will be of untold benefit to the islands. Ai said this morning that he has had a number of communications from United States congressmen, including John L. Burnett, chairman of the house immigration committee, and James L. Sladen of Texas, in which the idea indicates that they favor the idea.

There are also a number of Honolulu businessmen giving their support, he said.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

	Today.	Saturday.
Alaska Gold	111 1/2	111 1/2
American Smelter	105	105 1/4
American Sugar Rfg.	110	109 3/4
American Tel. & Tel.	125 1/4	125 1/4
Anaconda Copper	83 1/4	82 1/2
Atchafalaya	104 1/2	104 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	59	58 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	84	84 1/4
Bethlehem Steel	500	503
Calif. Petroleum	25 1/2	25
Canadian Pacific	167	166 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	91 1/4	92
Colo. Fuel & Iron	46	45
Crucible Steel	62	59
Erie Common	35	34 3/4
General Electric	169 1/2	167 3/4
General Motors	117 1/2	117 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Inter. Harv., N. J.	119	121
Kennecott Copper	45 1/4	45
Lehigh R. R.	79 1/2	80
New York Central	104 1/2	103 3/4
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	56 1/4
Ray Consol.	26 1/2	26 3/4
Southern Pacific	95 1/2	97 1/4
Studebaker	111 1/2	111 1/2
Texas	225 1/2	211 1/4
Union Pacific	148	147 3/4
U. S. Steel	107 1/2	106 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	119 1/2	120
Utah	102 1/2	100 1/4
Western Union	97	97 1/2
Westinghouse	56	55 1/2

*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

BOOZE LEADS TO BRAWLS MARRING CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Hundreds of Soldiers and Civilians in Near-Riot on Hotel Street Following Fights

Mob violence and a near-riot on Hotel street last night, with soldiers and civilians participating in about equal numbers, marring an otherwise quiet, peaceful Christmas day in Honolulu.

Responsibility for the first outbreak has not yet been entirely settled. The police lay the real responsibility to booze, which led to an exchange of words between a civilian chauffeur and an army private. A fight of two men afterwards developed into a series of fights and the visit of a crowd estimated at about 700 men and boys to the neighborhood of the police station following the arrest of three soldiers.

L. Palenapa, the giant Hawaiian of the police department, was badly beaten in the melee.

To prevent a spread of the riot spirit most of the downtown saloons were closed.

Stories differ as to details, but it appears that the brawling crowd included civilians, soldiers, sailors and a few policemen trying to stem the rush. The police say that it began with some soldiers being too ready to fight and pass remarks at girls along the street. The policemen were jostled about and several figured in "rough-house" scenes; stones and bottles were thrown, the police drew their revolvers on several occasions and all the provost guards available were rushed to the scene. The riot began

GALA CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—President Wilson, his three daughters and their family, and Mrs. Wilson celebrated Christmas with a big tree, a dinner and an exchange of presents among the family.

Every married employee in the White House was given a turkey, the gift of the President.

Many handsome gifts, and letters and telegrams from all parts of the world came to the White House.

President Wilson and his wife attended the community singing on the steps of the treasury building Christmas Eve. A vast crowd was present when Mr. and Mrs. Wilson appeared unexpectedly. Adults and children joined in the singing of Christmas carols and hymns. Mr. Wilson was handed a sheet of music with the words and music of some of the carols printed upon it, and thanked the usher with a smile.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR SUFFRAGE LEADER

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Memorial services were held by suffragettes in many states today in honor of the memory of Inez Milholland Boissevain, the noted young suffrage leader, who died recently in Los Angeles. Services here were in Statuary hall.

Late News At A Glance

NEWS OF MANY SINKINGS REACHES WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Despatches to various departments tell of the sinking in the war zone of the Norwegian bark Ansanger and the British steamers Latra, Incarn, Llangos and Murex.

STORM KING GRIPS NORTHWESTERN STATES
SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 26.—Eastern Washington, northern Idaho and Montana are in the grip of a chill winter storm. At Havre, Montana, the thermometer registers 22 degrees below zero, and at Butte 15 below. Much snow has fallen.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 26.—Snow fell so heavily here today that street-car service is blocked.

STOCKHOLDERS HEAR OF VISIT TO MINE
At 2 o'clock this afternoon a number of the stockholders of the Engels Copper Company met in the office of James F. Morgan Company and listened to Col. J. W. Jones, who told of his recent visit to the mine and of what he had observed.

THAYER'S RESIGNATION IS ACCEPTED AT WASHINGTON
Wade Warren Thayer, secretary of the territory, has received acceptance of his resignation from that office in a letter from Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior. The letter arrived on the Mauna today.

LOAN FUND HEARS REQUEST OF CONTRACTORS.
Members of the loan fund commission met today at noon to consider the request of Picanoy & Gomes, made ditch and tunnel contractors, for the use of non-citizen labor. The contractors are unable to get citizen laborers to submit to a doctor's examination. No action was taken, the meeting being finally adjourned until tomorrow, when Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the health board, will be asked to attend.

BOMB PLOT AGAINST UTAH GOVERNOR FAILS
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 26.—A reward of \$10,000 was offered today for the discovery of the man or men responsible for placing a bomb in the rear of Governor Spry's home on Christmas. Six arrests of suspects have been made, including four Eselians men. They were afterwards released. Joseph Hillstrom, the I. W. W. man executed for the murder of the grocer, Morrison, was arrested in 1914 at Eselius' home. Sweden interfered to save Hillstrom's life and the case became a celebrated one. Governor Spry refused to commute the death penalty.

HOLD UP BILL FROM PUBLIC UTILITIES AUDITOR
A bill from H. Gooding Field, special auditor, for \$275, was laid on the table this afternoon at the meeting of the public utilities commission. At the suggestion of Commissioner A. J. Gignoux the bill will await the return of Chairman C. R. Forbes before being acted upon. It is "for professional services as auditor at hearings and furnishing financial data" on the inter-island matter, the dates running from November 13 to December 11. There are a total of 11 days mentioned at \$25 each. No one present was able to answer regarding what agreement Field had had with the chairman.

YUNG PLANS TO START SCHOOL OF AVIATION
Sen Yet Yung, who returned from the mainland yesterday, is the first citizen of Hawaii to be granted a license to operate an aeroplane. Yung is a Honolulu boy, having spent all his life in this city, with the exception of the last two years. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Yung Ahn of 1571 Auld lane.

I will bring an aeroplane to Hawaii in 1917 and will then start a school of aviation," said Yung this afternoon. "Hawaii may need aeroplanes for protection in some future time, and it will be well for the young men here to know how to fly. If I can secure a field I will begin the school at once upon the arrival of my plane."

WILL INVESTIGATE PREPARATION OF DATA
Matthew M. Graham, special auditor for the Inter-Island Steamship Company, who dropped in for a moment at the public utilities commission meeting this afternoon, surprised Commissioners Carden and Gignoux when he stated in response to a question that he is not preparing figures to show the amount of profits made by various departments of the company from the steamship department.

"I have not been told to prepare these figures," Graham replied to Carden, who had asked if they were ready. "Naturally, when working for them I take their instructions in the matter."

Finally the commissioners decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday, requesting officers of the company to attend to determine whether or not the figures are being prepared at all.

YEAR'S JURYMEN ARE CHOSEN FOR CIRCUIT COURT

Trial and Grand Veniremen for 1917 Term Will Be Drawn Thursday

Manley G. K. Hopkins and Melville T. Simonton, jury commissioners, have filed in circuit court a list of 250 names of persons eligible to serve as trial jurors, and a list of 75 names of persons eligible to serve as grand jurors, for the 1917 term of the first circuit court at Honolulu.

The drawing of jurymen for the term will be held at 10 o'clock next Thursday morning in Circuit Judge Ashford's court, at which time each of the three divisions of the court will select 26 trial jurors. Twenty-three grand jurors also will be selected.

Following is the list of grand jurymen:
First Precinct, Fourth District
Josephus C. Axtell, Edward Robert Bath, John F. Child, Charles J. Flebig, Jacob Lando, Thomas James McGrath, Ed. Towse.

Second Precinct, Fourth District
Henry F. Bertelmann, Charles Gerald Bokius, Abraham Gartenberg, J. Henry Hertsche, James Steiner.

Third Precinct, Fourth District
Johnnes F. C. Abel, Marston Campbell, Charles J. Frazier, Ferdinand Henry Hons, Alexander G. Horn, William K. Macpherson.

Fourth Precinct, Fourth District
Maurice Brasch, Elam P. Chapin, William F. Gaynor, James E. Jaeger, George T. Kluegel, Jesse M. McCheaney.

Fifth Precinct, Fourth District
William George Chalmers, Louis L. La Pierre, James D. Levenson, Frank E. Richardson, Charles Dana Wright.

U. S. Will Call Halt On Mexico

Carranza Must End His Dilatory Tactics By Tonight or Communications Will End

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Unless Provisional President Carranza of Mexico by the end of today returns to the United States government a favorable answer to the last communication outlining U. S. demands for safety measures on the border, communications between the American government and Mexico will be severed. The United States will not parley further over the situation.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—Days of bitter sleet, snow and heavy winds along the border have caused almost an entire cessation of activities. Drills have been suspended for a week because of the heavy downfall. Tents have been blown down in the camps and many officers and enlisted men near El Paso spent last night in hotels.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. EXPEDITION IN MEXICO, Dec. 26.—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were gala occasions with the American troops in Mexico. Every man on the expedition, from the lowliest mule-driver to the general, received a present valued at \$2 or \$3. No work except that absolutely necessary was done. With the singing of carols, the playing of bands and athletic contests the entertainments were gay and picturesque. Great feasts were served in all the company messes. For days the army cooks had been preparing the edibles, including antelope, turkey, chicken and wild duck.

On Christmas Eve fireworks costing \$300 were set off. The Mexicans gathered in the neighborhood of the camp were startled as the explosions and flames shooting into the heavens suddenly broke out on Christmas Eve.

SCHOONERS LOST IN HEAVY GALE

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 26.—A heavy gale sweeping up and down the coast last night wrecked the schooners Roger Drury, Daniel McCloud and Ravola. No lives are thought to have been lost.

PORTUGAL FEELS HIGH WAR COST

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 26.—The Portuguese cabinet has decided to create a war and public economy committee with extensive powers.

Pope Benedict Lauds Wilson

ROME, Italy, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's move for peace has received the praise of The Vatican.

Pope Benedict, speaking yesterday through Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, regarding the Wilson note said:

"It is a document showing the honesty, justice and farsightedness of the American president."

MT. LASSEN IN ERUPTION

REDDING, California, Dec. 26.—Mt. Lassen yesterday began a heavy eruption.

DUTCH VESSEL RELEASED AFTER GERMAN INQUIRY

(German Official)
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 25.—The German sea forces operating off Flanders on the night of December 20 brought into Zeebrugge, from a raid on Hottien, a Dutch steamer, the Otis Tetrax, bound from Rotterdam to England. Since examination proved that there was no contraband on board the steamer was released at noon.

TEUTONS DECLARE THEIR OWN GROUP READY TO COLLABORATE WITH WILSON TO END WARFARE

Naval Battle in Straits of Otranto—Berlin Says Four Allied Warships Damaged—Main Land Fighting is in Rumania

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
LONDON, England, Dec. 26.—In an interview today the Russian foreign minister, M. Pokrovski declared emphatically that Russia will stand by the Allies. He outlined the situation as it now develops, saying that there will be no change in the relations between Russia and the other members of the Entente group. He asserted that after the war the military alliance between France, Britain and Russia will be consolidated into a close economic union, and says that the present war will be continued until a decisive victory is won.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Pope Benedict is expected to support President Wilson's move for peace, according to officials here. The Swiss minister, Dr. Paul Ritter, will interview the president in a few days to discuss peace. Holland, Spain and the Scandinavian countries are expected to lend their endorsement and assistance to the president's move.

BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 26.—Germany today proposed to the powers that there be an immediate meeting in an effort to bring peace. The German proposal is made in the answer to President Wilson's note, the answer being given through diplomatic channels today, and at the same time made public by the German government.

The answer is the joint reply of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, the notes of the latter three being contained in the German statement.

Berlin suggests that each of the belligerents name delegates to meet and discuss peace terms and urges that the meeting be arranged at once.

The text of the answer by Germany to President Wilson's note, which called upon the belligerents to state the terms for which they are fighting and sounded them on peace possibilities, was handed to Ambassador Gerard today.

Germany's reply is in part as follows: "The high-minded suggestion of President Wilson, to create a basis for lasting peace, is being considered in the friendly spirit expressed in the president's communications. The president points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of a road."

"To the Imperial German government, an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result. It begs, therefore, as was the sense of the declaration of December 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates representing the belligerent parties, in some neutral place."

"The Imperial government is also of the opinion that the great work of preventing further wars can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of nations. It will, when this moment shall come, be ready with pleasure to collaborate entirely with the United States in this exalted task."

The note concludes with the usual diplomatic terms of politeness.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—Officials here are surprised at Germany's action in giving out the text of the note in reply to President Wilson's recent suggestion. It was made public in Berlin before reaching Washington. Neither the president nor Secretary of State Lansing would make any comment today.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—Strong support of President Wilson's peace move has come from Swiss sources.

The influential Journal de Geneve gives emphatic praise to the president's note to the belligerent nations.

"We Swiss and other neutrals," says this newspaper, "thank this good Republican and salute them with respect. He dared to propose something precise in order to realize his specific ambitions."

"His words have caused a gleam of hope for this dark Christmas."

Fleets Battle Off Italian Coast; Berlin Says Ally Warships Damaged

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 26.—Two Allied patrol boats were sunk and four Allied warships were damaged in an engagement today in the Straits of Otranto. Two Austria destroyers were hit.

The Straits of Otranto lie between Italy and Albania, at the entrance to the Adriatic Sea. Most of the vessels in the Allied fleet which cruises here are Italian. The Austrians maintain a fleet in the Adriatic, with a base at Pola.

Allied War-Vessels Off New England

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—The presence of an Allied fleet in Atlantic waters off this coast is taken to indicate that the warships are sent as commerce protectors, in view of the U-53's raids on Entente shipping. They arrived armed and disguised in American waters only recently, according to reports which are credited.

Russo-Rumanians Virtually Trapped

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)
BERLIN, Germany, Dec. 25.—After the capture of the town of Isakecha (Isaccea) on the Danube, von Mackensen's army has begun an attack on the bridgehead of Matchin, northwestern corner of Dobrudja province, where the Russian and Rumanian forces have retreated.